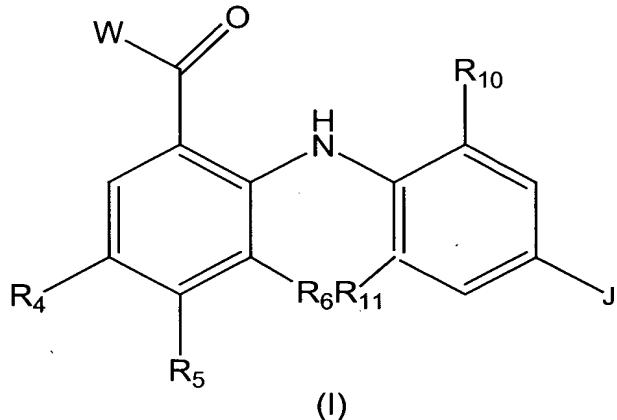


Amendments to the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Previously amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

W is OR₁, NR₂OR₁, NR_AR_B, NR₂NR_AR_B, O(CH₂)₁₋₄NR_AR_B, NR₂(CH₂)₁₋₄NR_AR_B, O(CH₂)₁₋₄OR₁, or NR₂(CH₂)₁₋₄OR₁;

R₁ is H, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, (phenyl)C₁₋₄ alkyl, (phenyl)C₂₋₄ alkenyl, (phenyl)C₂₋₄ alkynyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkenyl, or (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkynyl;

each of R₂ and R₃ is independently H, phenyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₈ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, or (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₁₋₄ alkyl;

each of R₄, R₅ and R₆ is independently H, Cl, F, or Br;

R_A is H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₈ alkenyl, C₃₋₈ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, phenyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₁₋₄ alkyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkenyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkynyl, [(aminosulfonyl)phenyl], [(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]C₁₋₄ alkyl, (aminosulfonyl)C₁₋₆ alkyl, (aminosulfonyl)C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, or [(aminosulfonyl)C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl]C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R_B is H, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, or phenyl;

J is SR_C, SO₂R_C, SOR_C, SO₂NR_DR_E, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, C₅₋₈ cycloalkenyl, phenyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₁₋₄ alkyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkenyl, (C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl)C₂₋₄ alkynyl, or (cycloalkyl)-M'-E'-G';

M' is O, SO, SO₂, NR_E, (CO)NR_E, NR_E(CO), SO₂NR_E, NR_ESO₂, or CH₂;

E' is absent (a covalent bond), $(CH_2)_{1-4}$ or $(CH_2)_m O(CH_2)_p$ where $1 \leq$ (each of m and p independently) ≤ 3 and $2 \leq (m + p) \leq 4$;

G' is OR_3 , SO_2R_C , or NR_FR_G ; provided that where $p = 1$, then G' is H; each of R_C , R_D , R_E , R_F and R_G is independently selected from H, C $_{1-6}$ alkyl, C $_{2-4}$ alkenyl, C $_{2-4}$ alkynyl, C $_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, and phenyl;

R_{10} is H, C $_{1-4}$ alkyl, halo, NO_2 , or $SO_2NR_HR_I$; and

R_{11} is H, halo, or NO_2 ;

wherein each hydrocarbon radical above is optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents independently selected from halo, C $_{1-4}$ alkyl, C $_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, C $_{2-4}$ alkenyl, C $_{2-4}$ alkynyl, phenyl, hydroxy, amino, (amino)sulfonyl, and NO_2 , wherein each substituent alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or phenyl is in turn optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents independently selected from halo, C $_{1-2}$ alkyl, hydroxy, amino, and NO_2 ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or C $_{1-7}$ ester thereof.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R_C is C $_{1-2}$ alkyl.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is OH.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is NHOH.

Claim 5. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is NHO(cyclopropylmethyl).

Claim 6. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R_{10} is methyl or chloro.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound of claim 1, where R_{11} is fluoro.

Claim 8. (Original) A compound of claim 1, where R_{11} is H.

Claim 9. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is trihalomethyl or methylthio.

Claim 10. (Cancelled).

Claim 11. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is SO_2CH_3 .

Claim 12. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is $SOCH_3$.

Claim 13. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is C $_{2-8}$ alkynyl where the triple bond is between the carbon atoms alpha and beta to the phenyl group.

Claim 14. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ has at least one hydroxy substituent.

Claim 15. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ is H, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, benzyl, phenethyl, allyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, C₃₋₅ alkynyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, (C₃₋₅ cycloalkyl)C₁₋₂ alkyl, or (C₃₋₅ heterocyclic radical)-C₁₋₂ alkyl.

Claim 16. (Original) A compound of claim 15, wherein R₁ is H or (C₃₋₄ cycloalkyl)-C₁₋₂ alkyl.

Claim 17. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ is H, methyl, C₃₋₄ alkynyl, C₃₋₅ cycloalkyl, or (C₃₋₅ cycloalkyl)methyl.

Claim 18. (Previously amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R_A is H, methyl, ethyl, isobutyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, C₂₋₄ alkynyl, phenyl, 2,3-dihydroxy-propyl, or 2-diethylaminoethyl; and R_B is H; or where R_B is methyl and R_A is phenyl.

Claim 19. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R₄ and R₆ is H, and R₅ is F.

Claim 20. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R₄, R₅, and R₆ is F.

Claim 21. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R₄ and R₅ is F and R₆ is Br.

Claim 22. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R₅ is F.

Claim 23. (Original) A compound of claim 1, having the structure: 4-fluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-

methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 4-fluoro-2-(4-methane-sulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; or N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide.

Claim 24. (Original) A compound of claim 1, having the structure: 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-

(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; 8: 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; or N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide.

Claim 25. (Cancelled).

Claim 26. (Previously amended) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; and 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide.

Claim 27. (Original) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-Benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzamide; 5-Bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzamide; and 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide.

Claim 28. (Previously amended) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-hydroxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)- 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-

4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)- N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide; and 2-(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide.

Claim 29. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

Claims 30-50 (Cancelled).